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We heartily congratulate the trade on this result, which will be received everywhere as the assurance of the triumph of the reform. The meeting concluded just before we went to press, and we must postpone details and further comment to our next issue.

The Stationers' Annual.

THE Stationers' Annual has been put back by so many causes that we have now decided to postpone its publication until spring. The delay of the publishing houses in forwarding their lists for the Publishers' Annual put that back so that it encroached on the work of preparing for the Stationers' so much as to make it too late to be of service for fall trade, while Mr. Yohn's work of compiling the trade list has been embarrassed in like fashion by the dilatoriness of stationery manufacturers in forwarding catalogues. We propose now to issue it early in the year so as to be of service to the spring trade, and the extended time will be utilized in making its editorial features still more valuable. Mr. Kelly's American revision of the stationery hand-book will be the more complete, and other features better in proportion. Those subscribers who desire to receive their subscriptions back because of the delay, have of course that privilege, but it is not unlikely the price will be raised to one dollar for new subscribers, and in that case their present subscriptions at fifty cents per copy will be a good investment.

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Obituary.

HENRY KERNOT.

IT was more than a generation ago that the book-lovers and book-buyers of America first knew the man whose death has drawn a sigh of sorrow from hundreds who knew his kindly enthusiasm and modest worth. That pleasant corner in the Scribners' store was the first stopping place, always, of the many who knew dear old "Uncle Harry," whether they would draw upon the stores of his marvelous and almost unparalleled knowledge of books, or desired simply the greeting of his happy smile. There was a pleasant eagerness about Mr. Kernot, whenever he began to talk about his pets, that was almost worth a pilgrimage to his home. For that vacant chair was all the home the dear old fellow had or wanted. The last time we saw him, he told us, with his wonted air of eagerness, how hard he was working on what proves to have been the extension of that characteristic last work, the "Bibliotheca Diabolica," which is stamped throughout with that vast knowledge, minute research, and patient labor that made him what he was in the trade. "It's the most beautiful thing," he said; "when you know what it is, you'll be perfectly delighted. Why, when dinner-time comes, I go right home—you know I live right around the corner—it only takes me a minute to get there, and it takes just eleven minutes for my dinner, and then I go right round and spend the rest of the two hours at the Astor. You'll be perfectly delighted with it when you see it!" His recent Bibliotheca was but the first of a series which he had planned, and he was hard at work making this complete when he died, leaving behind him some eight or nine hundred fresh titles which we trust somebody will put into shape. Just a few weeks before he died, he had told Mr. Coles the story of his life; but, unfortunately, the record did not quite suit him, and the MS. was torn up, and our data are not, therefore, such as we could wish.

Henry Kernot was of French Huguenot descent. He was born in Castle street, Leicester square, London, October 20, 1806, and was seized with the sickness with which he died, pneumonia, aggravated by kidney complaints, the day following his sixty-eighth birthday. When a boy, he was apprenticed to Messrs. Truttel & Wuerz, of Soho square, German and French booksellers, scientific and classical, one of the most important foreign booksellers at that time established in England, and virtually at the head of the trade in that department. Both members of the firm died before the expiration of his indentures, and he was transferred

to the house of J. H. Bohte, of 4 York street, Covent Garden, the same house whence H. G. Bohn issued his celebrated Bohn's Libraries, where he became manager. Both firms have long since vanished from the book trade.

He afterwards lived with a bookseller in Dublin, and lent great assistance to Dr. Todd, Librarian of Trinity College (editor of Milton's works), in completing many valuable sets of foreign books in the Trinity College Library, Dublin.

He married, and about 1837 came to this country, where his first engagement was at a small bookstore on the Bowery. He served next with Messrs. Wiley & Putnam, then he looked after a small establishment of his own, which was not successful, and he was successively in the employ of D. Appleton & Co., Mohun & Ebbs, and since 1868, with the exception of a few months spent in Florida, of Messrs. Scribner, Welford & Armstrong. "where his profound knowledge of books and editions," says one memorialist, "acquired by a lifetime of experience, made him invaluable. Every one who has bought books at the great repository of the Scribners during the last six years will remember the genial, kindly old gentleman, whose vast knowledge and experience was entirely at your disposal without his caring whether you bought or not. Within a few weeks, under the title of 'Bibliotheca Diabolica,' he has published a curious catalogue of all the works relating to the Devil—some five hundred in number—on the shelves of the Scribners, and the little pamphlet is a monument of his minute learning and painstaking habits. His place in the bookselling world in New-York can hardly be filled." In the words of still another, "Mr. Kernot was a born bibliopolist. His knowledge of books, which was both accurate and extensive, was acquired by long and steady application to the business in which he took so much pride, and it was a source of gratification to himself and to the friends at whose disposition his knowledge was always so cheerfully placed, that, notwithstanding his advanced years, his memory served him faithfully to the last."

Dear old "Uncle Harry," kindly and happy always, a boy in spirit though a veteran in years and knowledge, it is sad to see him no more! His pleasant face was sunshine in the darkest of days. He lived, in his latter days, a lonely enough life, that seemed almost sad to others, but to himself never. It was a bright and happy life to him, and he had loves and lovers in his books. They were living friends, and it seems almost as though in the twilight of these days, when the place that knew him knows him no more, they must wonder and sorrow among themselves at the strange absence of dear old, eager, loving and lovable Uncle Harry Kernot. Peace to the ashes of a gentle and good man, who was an example to all of us.

JOHN PERKINS.

The death of Mr. Perkins, to which we alluded a week ago, will long be felt as a loss impossible to be filled in the publishing business of this country, especially in the department of education. Starting as school-teacher, he soon found a more appropriate field of labor as school-book agent, in which he occupied the foremost position in the country. The success of his brother's mathematical series was largely

due to the enterprise shown in his introducing them to the public, and the popularity of Miss Cornell's Geographies and Mr. Quackenbos's numerous text-books can also be greatly attributed to Mr. Perkins's peculiar talent of knowing best how to push them. Of all these books he for many years has owned the copyrights. With such eminent talents, Mr. Perkins had amassed a considerable fortune at the time of his death, notwithstanding some unfortunate experiences in Wall street. Some three years since he retired from active business, after a connection of more than twenty-five years with the Appleton house. He had been home from Europe but five months when he died.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The interests of the trade can not be better served, than by a full discussion by its members of all questions which affect it. Our columns are always open to communications on any such subject, provided they be brief and suggestive, and we cordially invite the trade to express any suggestions or opinions of interest or value in "Letters to the Editor."

From a Librarian.

[The following extracts are from a personal letter not intended for publication, but it contains so many points of interest that we could not refrain from giving portions to our readers. —ED.]

AMHERST, Oct., 1874.

I am just fairly back from the country, where I had no WEEKLY to read, so am now devoting the day to reading up this volume. And first I want to tell you that I find, everywhere I go, that all live booksellers appreciate what you have done for the trade in the WEEKLY, *Trade Annual*, and *Put-in Bay Convention*. I feel deeply what a debt is owing you from librarians, for the WEEKLY and *Annual* are priceless to us.

I have had a pet scheme for a year which I am delighted to see in July 11th WEEKLY, or at least something looking that way. There is one fact that needs no discussion, for to all persons who at all understand the subject it is perfectly evident—competent catalogues can not be secured for the majority of our libraries. Satisfactory catalogues *must* be made by some qualified central establishment. To be sure, we may make indexes and lists that will help very greatly, but I speak of catalogues worthy the name.

My plan was this: To prepare titles carefully from the books themselves, or fac-simile title-pages, for the WEEKLY, and to run them across the page instead of double-column, as a matter of convenience, so they might be cut out and mounted on cards after the style of the Boston catalogue. This would give us accurate catalogues of all new books, and as brought out in the WEEKLY would be just the size for mounting, and would help us much.

I think your suggestion of making an annual educational catalogue a great improvement over the now very excellent educational number of the WEEKLY. It would have many evident advantages, to my mind, and ought to be a thing you would be proud of.

I am greatly delighted with Put-in Bay matters, although I am a buyer and not at all a seller of books. All intelligent people must be glad to see bookselling take its rank as a profession. I have long felt and said that minister, teacher, and bookseller were the three for a community. I buy all American books now at 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ per cent. If prices can be adjusted, as it now looks, I shall willingly accept my 20 per cent. Of course while I can buy for $\frac{1}{3}$ off, my sense of duty isn't at all strong enough to induce me to pay 80 per cent. If books are priced low enough, 20 per cent is all I could ask of a dealer, on large quantities I mean, of course.

Now, a word about books by mail. I think it absurd to say publishers shall not supply directly, as long as they get full price for their books. Suppose they do pay something of this price for postage. What if they sent the books to the post-office in a carriage, or sent an agent to town? If they make the consumers pay just what the dealer charges, it seems nonsense to complain. It would be unfair to the readers, for it is a fact that many dealers not only have no stock on hand, but are very careless in getting books ordered. The mail is needed as a protection to consumers, and with the reduced postage is a fine thing.

I asked you once before how much space you were willing to devote to the Library Corner. We must have some means of communication and news. I feel more and more the need of it, as I visit new libraries, and talk with other librarians.

M. D.

Answers to the Parable.

A SUBSCRIBER sends us a parable: "A certain bookseller had an inquiry for a book from a poor man who worked hard for \$1 a day. He sold the poor man the book for \$1. The same day a rich man, who has an income of \$40,000 a year and over, inquired for the same book, and bought it at the same place for 80 cents." He asks if the bookseller acted like an honest man. Answers requested.

Yes, of course he did. The \$1 and the \$40,000 have nothing whatever to do with the case. Superior knowledge, knowledge of the ways of trade, gave the \$40,000 man his advantage, and when the day comes that knowledge—of whatever kind it may be—gives the buyer no advantage, buying and selling will be left to infants, and men will seek more worthy employment. The man who framed above query is a sentimentalist.

J. A. W.

If the bookseller was a member of the A. B. T. U., and his rich customer was a large buyer of books, and the book was bought in a bill, it was allowable, as 20 per cent is the maximum discount to large buyers outside of the trade; whereas, if the (unfortunate) poor man bought a single book, it was misfortune, not the bookseller's crime.

A. S.

In answer to subscriber's parable and query in No. 144, I wish to record my protest against the bookseller who charged the poor man \$1 and the rich man 80 cents for copies of the same book (if that is what is meant), though subscriber says *same book*. There is no doubt the bookseller is a scalawag. If the rich man is in the trade, the bookseller should have charged only 60 cents instead of 80 cents. If it was really the *same book*, it was clearly dishonest to sell it twice.

BUSTER.

An English View of Underselling.

It will be seen from our New-York correspondence that the majority of the large retail booksellers in the most important thoroughfare in New-York, headed by the large firm of Appleton & Co. in their retail department, have not only determined not to sell to persons outside the trade at any greater discount than twenty per cent, but have decided to limit even that discount to professional or very large buyers. That persons in business, whether wholesale or retail, have the right to determine among themselves the terms on which they will part with their commodities will not be denied even by the most ardent freetrader; and it can hardly be contended that the system of reduced prices for new books, which has made so much progress among us in recent years, is quite satisfactory. It is, at least, an anomaly that a monthly magazine bearing the words 'One Shilling' should be sold in different shops at prices varying between ninepence and the full publishing price. In the case of other articles, it is true that different prices are charged, according to the locality, the class of customers, or the prestige of the particular trader. But books and publications generally differ, in many striking points, from ordinary articles of commerce. In most other cases the quality, and sometimes even the nature, of the thing sold must be accepted on the authority of the trader's reputation. The purchaser, therefore, necessarily knows little about the wholesale cost, nor is he struck, as a rule, by variations in price between one shop and another, unless they are very remarkable. The unhappy bookseller, on the other hand, deals in articles in which considerations of comparative quality rarely enter. Every copy of *Blackwood's* and *Macmillan's Magazine*, for example, is necessarily the same as every other, and the same remark applies to all new books. Hence it is that the unlucky country or suburban bookseller is continually being favored with the remark that the customer can get threepence in the shilling for the same thing in Manchester or London. It is not perceived that variations in prices for the same article do, and always must, exist in every trade, and that a rate of profit which may be sufficient for a rapid ready-money business in a populous place may be entirely insufficient for the carrying on, with anything like a fair remuneration, a similar business under different conditions. With the great majority of small booksellers, both in town and country, it is, we believe, a simple question of whether they shall exist or not. Customers should bear in mind that booksellers in these towns would not have existed at all if they had not been useful. They perform the work of distribution, and are a convenience in their own localities. Many a purchaser who grumbles at paying a penny or twopenny more for a publication thus brought, as it were, to his door would probably be sorry to undertake to fetch or send for it, either in London or Manchester. It seems, therefore, a little unreasonable to complain of a system the abolition of which must ultimately lead to the extinction of a very useful class of the trading community.—*Publishers' Circular*.

ANNOUNCEMENT is made of a new novel by the author of "Guy Livingstone."

BOOKS RECEIVED.

BRIC-A-BRAC SERIES, edited by Richard Henry Stoddard. (Scribner, Armstrong & Co.) Mr. Stoddard has condensed into the volume just issued of this series, Prosper Mérimée's "Letters to an Incognita," Lamartine's "Twenty-five Years of my Life," translated by Lady Herbert, and George Sand's "Reminiscences and Impressions." As will be seen, the volume is of a less fragmentary character than its predecessors, and consequently of more real value. The "Letters to an Incognita" are entirely new, no English translation having before been attempted; as they are presented by the editor, they will not be found shorn of any of their original brilliancy, but few incisions having been made, and those only in cases of repetition or where events described had no particular value for the general public. These letters were one of the literary events in Paris last year—they excited general comment and curiosity, and were universally admired for their wit, and amusing criticism of the men and women of the day, their vivid descriptions of places and scenery, and lifelike portrayal of the times. A curiosity was raised, too, which nothing known of the author could allay—the secret of the "Incognita" died with him, if secret there was—though many have asserted that the lady to whom the letters are addressed is a myth, only invented as a pretext for the literary effort; be that as it may, the world will no less enjoy the treat of reading a most charming and piquant collection of letters. This "series" is already an established favorite, and one of the successes of the season. Too much praise can not be given to Mr. Stoddard for the good taste he has displayed in the choice of matter for his volumes, and the editorial care he has given them. 12mo, cloth, \$1.50.

THE HISTORY OF GERMANY, by Charlton T. Lewis. (Harper & Bros.) The basis of this history is Dr. Müller's "History of the German People," a greater part of which, however, has been rewritten and supplemented by additional facts from the works of Ranke, Wirth, and Menzel, with a final chapter which gives a brief outline of the principal events of the new empire, and which is entirely Mr. Lewis's own. The history begins with the earliest times and is brought down to the present, and is illustrated by portraits of all the different emperors. Two valuable maps are included in the volume, one of "Germany under the Hohenstaufens," and one under its present emperor, William I. A very handsomely gotten up volume. 8vo, cloth, \$2.50.

THE DAILY SERVICE. (Hurd & Houghton.) Simply a book of offices for daily use through all seasons of the Christian year. They are designed and especially adapted for use in the chapels of colleges, schools, and hospitals, and for family worship. They are substantially the same as the morning and evening prayers of the Episcopal Prayer-Book, but enlarged and enriched. 12mo, cloth, red-edged, \$2.50.

ANTHONY BRADE, by Robert Lowell. (Roberts Bros.) The hero, from whom the book takes its name, is a bright, clever boy, whose story lies chiefly among his schoolmates at the school of "St. Bart's." The slight mystery of his birth is ingeniously worked up and carried out, while the climax to the story is almost a tragic one. Full of boys' talk and boys' ways and fro-

lic, and enveloped with the charm of style which has rendered Mr. Lowell's writings so acceptable. 12mo, cloth, \$1.75.

DOORS OUTWARD, by the author of the "Win and Wear" Series. (Robert Carter & Bros.) The story of a family that is brought from affluence to poverty through the criminality of the father. The support and care of the house devolve upon two young people who nobly fulfill the duties which become theirs. Their various privations and brave struggles and endurance point a most excellent moral, and set an example to youth well worthy of imitation. 12mo, cloth, \$1.25.

THE WORKS OF THE REV. SYDNEY SMITH, 3 vols. (R. Worthington & Co.) This is a new and uniform and exceedingly handsome edition of Sydney Smith's works, of which the above publishers have the exclusive sale in this country. The volumes contain his "Essays," "Memoirs," and "Wit and Wisdom." The last volume is particularly well edited, the passages given having been selected from his entire writings, each one being, however, in itself complete, or, as the editor expresses it, "the gems are displayed without their setting," an admirable way of impressing their value on the mind, and showing their full force and brilliancy. The volumes are tastefully bound and handsomely printed on good paper. 12mo, cloth, \$4.50; pap., \$3.00. 3 vols.

ROSALIE'S PET, by Joanna H. Mathews. (Robert Carter & Bros.) Rosalie's "pet," little "Totty," is a quaint, lovable creature, whose mischievous pranks and pretty baby-talk will make her at once popular. She is the central figure of a very nice story, written about some young girls and their school-lives, and chiefly adapted for the perusal of young girls. This author is so well known as the writer of the "Bessie Books," that her works scarcely need any recommendation. 16mo, cloth, \$1.25.

THE MODE OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM, by Rev. Samuel Hutchings. (Warren & Wyman.) The object of this work is to show that all modes of baptism are valid, and that immersion alone is not to be considered the only baptism. To relieve the dryness of the dissertation, the conversational form has been adopted, the parties to the conversation being a pastor and two of his children on one side, and his sister and her son on the other, with a young lady whose opinions were not yet formed. It is hoped the book will aid in bringing Baptists more closely together, and break the barriers which prevent them now communing with their brethren. 12mo, cloth, \$1.50.

SHAW'S NEW HISTORY OF ENGLISH LITERATURE. (Sheldon & Co.) Taking Thomas B. Shaw's "Outlines of English Literature," rewritten by William Smith, as a basis, Prof. Truman J. Backus, of Vassar College, has with the greatest care prepared the above volume, making it by various additions and improvements a new work. It is so arranged that it can now be used with the greatest facility by both teachers and pupils. Many parts of it have been entirely re-written, and all of it rendered more clear and easy of comprehension. It is handsomely printed in large, clear type, and contains diagrams showing the easiest way to classify and remember the eras in English literature. 12mo, cloth, \$1.50.

STATIONERY NOTES.

HOLIDAY goods are brisk.

THE paper-makers are complaining.

NOVELTIES are rather scarce this season.

CRANDALL'S Acrobats have invaded Britain.

THE Plympton contract is valued at \$340,000.

MYERS BROS., of John street, announce the Royal Repp" or "Poplin" papers, in nine tints.

BUGBEE & HALL, of Providence, have purchased the right to manufacture Sisson's Magic Binder.

BLACKWOOD & Co., of London, advertise twelve different varieties of diaries for 1875.

SOME inventive Englishman has improved upon the celebrated American clog-dancing toy.

THE Antique Linen Note-Paper, just introduced by Laroche-Joubert, Lacroix & Co., is said to be a very beautiful style of note. It will soon be placed on the New-York market.

E. B. TREAT, of 805 Broadway, whose announcement appears in our advertising columns, has just brought out a new home game, called "The Ten Plagues," based upon Biblical history. Each step in the progress of the game is typical of some prominent feature in the history of the Jews, at the time of their deliverance from bondage. It is something entirely novel in its way, and combines both amusement and instruction. Mr. Treat is selling large quantities of the new Centennial Game of American History and Biography, which has been suggested by the approaching centenary of national independence. The cards are so ingeniously arranged as to allow fifty-four separate games to be played. These games are neatly put up in Osborne's patent box, which is constructed of one single piece of cardboard.

GEORGE M. JACOBS & Co., 121 Duane street, whose advertisement appears in this number of the WEEKLY, are making large quantities of their popular Parlor Kaleidoscope, which has met with marked success ever since its introduction upon the market. This beautiful instrument has proved an inexhaustible treasury of amusement and instruction, and occupies the favorite place on many a home table, affording delight alike to old and young. The fact that the sales during the past fall have reached 27,000, is a proof of its great success. It held the position of the leading novelty of the last holiday season, and its popularity for the coming season is also fully assured. No dealer will find himself with a surplus stock of this salable instrument after the season has passed.

DEAN & SON, of London, have brought out three new styles of fancy almanacs for 1875. One is a handsome fan, another a perfumed table decorator, and the third a hand-screen for the fire or gas-light. They are all illuminated in the best style of chromo.

AN English inventor has secured letters-patent for an incombustible fire-proof ink. The pulp for the paper is composed of vegetable fibre, one part; ashes, two parts; borax, one tenth part; and alum, two-tenth parts. The ink can be used either in writing or printing, and is made according to the following recipe: Graphite, finely ground, twenty-two drachms;

copal or other resinous gum, twelve grains; sulphate of iron, two drachms; and sulphate of indigo, eight drachms. These substances are thoroughly mixed and boiled in water. The graphite can be replaced by an earthy pigment of any desired color.

THE Physicians' Visiting List for 1875, published by Lindsay & Blakiston, of Philadelphia, is too well known in the trade to need more than the simple mention of its issue for a new year. It has now reached the twenty-fourth year of its publication, its circulation increasing annually by reason of the universal favor and approval which it has received from the profession. It ranges in price from \$1 to \$3, the best editions being interleaved. It is made with tucks, pockets, and pencil, so as to be handy and convenient.

WE have received from R. G. Hutchinson, 44 Maiden Lane, samples of the New-York Bill-Holder, which is neat, simple, durable, and cheap. Its peculiar feature is its ready method of securing the papers which are filed in it. A lever pressed down by a spiral spring is caught under a flexible bar, and thus held securely. They are made in three sizes, and mounted in brass and nickel.

Mr. Hutchinson has added to his regular line of fine sealing-wax a sealing-wax taper which consists of a prepared wick in a taper made of sealing-wax, thus combining convenience with cleanliness, and requiring no lamp. It is no more expensive than the wax prepared in the old way.

E. A. KINGSLAND & Co., who have recently removed to 51 Nassau street, have one of the most neatly-arranged and most inviting-looking stationery stores in New-York. It always pays to make a good appearance.

Literature and Peanuts.

THE Hartford *Courant* remarks: "There is still a popular belief that it is less extravagant to spend \$10 for a dinner than \$1 for a book. A festive person out on a holiday will spend twenty-five cents for a quart of peanuts which he does not need, and which he eats in an hour or two (to his inward damage), who would never think of buying for the same money some cheap edition of a standard book which would furnish him solid enjoyment for many days, and add materially to the value of his life. Such a reluctance is there to buy books that a whole neighborhood, eager, perhaps, to read a new work by a popular author (hungry for it), will wait for months to borrow it, and snatch the reading of it, rather than spend half a dollar to own it, and satisfy the intellectual appetite at once. Every day in every city, people spend \$5 and \$10 for elaborate lunches which they do not need, when the money would buy some fine edition of a work that would entertain them for a month or two, and enrich their minds forever. They are prodigal about eating and drinking, spending liberally for dyspepsia, but trust to chance and borrowing for what the mind wants. The sample-room is more attractive to them than the news-room, and they pass by the bookstore for the restaurant."

A NEW Christmas story from E. E. Hale, "Our New Crusade," is to deal with vital questions of the day.

LITERARY AND TRADE NEWS.

DURING the present month the first of a series of "detective" stories, by Allan Pinkerton, of the celebrated "agency," will be published by Keen, Cooke & Co., of Chicago, under title of "The Expressman and the Detective." These stories, the writer announces, will be all fact, only "touched up" in immaterial points, and so slightly "that the actors in these scenes from a drama of life would never themselves detect it." They are to be largely illustrated, and will be sold at \$1.50 per volume. We have seen an early copy, which is a very creditable specimen of book-making. We understand that over 5000 copies have been ordered in advance of publication.

ONE of the most beautiful holiday books of the season is promised in the collection of Vers de Société, made by Mr. C. H. Jones, which will be Henry Holt & Co.'s contribution to Santa Claus's fresh stock. The text will not only have the widest of margins, but will be printed on a tint darker in shade than the cream-colored paper, and with a lavender line for framing. The binding is of very novel design: a rope of flowers held by a Cupid in crush-hat and boots at one end, and by the well-known owl at the other, reaches from one corner of the front to the opposite of the back cover, a fan depending from it gracefully to form the backing design. This design of Mr. Holt's has been worked out by Mr. John A. Mitchell, whose grotesque of "The Seasons" has been so popular, and he has drawn also some of the most charming bits imaginable for bastard titles preceding the poems of separate authors. These have been put upon wood by Henry Marsh, of Boston, one of our best engravers, and nothing, in fact, has been spared to make the book as dainty and tasty as may be.

A NEW idea, and a good one, is embodied in a volume which is to be published later on by Henry Holt & Co. It is a book for keeping family records—all the particulars about children, both those which will be useful to the doctor and the bright sayings that delight the older folks in after years.

JOSEPH MERY, the author of "Through Thick and Thin," just published by Carleton, was once associated in the publication of the *Nain Jaune* newspaper in Paris, with the late Pierre Soule, at one time U. S. Senator from Louisiana and American Minister to Spain. The suppression of that paper for its ultra liberalism was the prime cause of the latter's emigration to America.

REV. HENRY W. FOOTE, of King's Chapel, Boston, is engaged upon a work giving its history and associations.

THE eleventh volume of the works of Charles Sumner is now being prepared for the press. The whole number of volumes will be fourteen or fifteen, and it will be a year or more before the whole set will be printed.

BAKER, VOORHIS & Co. have published a General Catalogue of Law Books which, it is claimed, embraces nearly all the law books which can be supplied in this country. In arrangement it follows in the main the practical plan of Robert Clarke & Co.'s Catalogue issued last year. It is a very creditable compilation, in view of the bibliographical limits plainly indicated on title-page by the commer-

cial "published and for sale." Dealers in law books should have it together with Clarke's Catalogue. We understand Mr. Steiger too is preparing a law bibliography. These special catalogues are of great value to the trade, and deserve all encouragement.

ADMIRERS of Mrs. Southworth are promised a new edition of her numerous works, which will probably take therefrom a new lease of popularity. This new edition will be issued by the Petersons in duodecimo form, handsomely printed on fine white paper, and bound in morocco cloth, with gilt back. Price, \$1.75 a volume.

AMONG the holiday gifts soon to brighten the book-stores, Mr. F. B. Patterson, of 32 Cedar street, will offer us a portfolio of twelve photographs, fac-similes of the famous German sketches of Hendschel, and to include also a portrait of the artist. In their imported form these charming drawings met with such general favor as to insure at least a kind reception for the American fac-similes. The price will be \$10 a portfolio.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *Tribune* gives the following list of new subscription books forthcoming from Hartford: A. D. Worthington & Co., "Gleanings from the Harvest Fields of Literature, Curious, Humorous, and Instructive," by C. C. Bombaugh. American Publishing Company, "Unwritten History," by Joaquin Miller, being a story of Miller's life among the Indians in the Far West; "The Great South," by Edward King; and a "History of Democracy," by the Hon. Nahum Capen of Boston, which will be a general survey of the progress of free institutions throughout the world, and will be printed in three volumes. Other new books are "Lecture Experiences," by Anna Dickinson; a romantic Western story by Bret Harte; a book of Eastern travel, by E. H. House; a book on India by Mrs. Stowe, wife of the American Consul at Singapore; a humorous book by Mark Twain, and a "History of Tobacco," by a Connecticut author. S. S. Scranton & Co. will publish "The Political, Personal, and Property Rights of a Citizen of the United States; How to Exercise and How to Preserve Them," by T. Parsons. James Betts & Co. are to bring out "The Story of the Bible," an illustrated book for young people.

THE *Christian Union* says, *apropos* of the Beecher matter, that its circulation has not been hurt, but has been showing a net gain; and as to the "Life of Christ": "The publishers certainly did have a large sum of money invested in it (the first volume), before its issue; and the sales of that volume gave it back again. They are perfectly willing and able to await Mr. Beecher's time for the second volume, knowing that it will come as soon as the pressure of other duties and responsibilities will permit the careful finishing of so critical a portion of the work—which, by the way, is about four-fifths completed. It may be well to say, also, that instead of being rejected by English publishers and the English public (as has been so persistently repeated), the first volume was brought out simultaneously with the American edition, by Messrs. Thomas Nelson & Sons, the eminent publishers of Edinburgh and London, the only publishing house to which it was offered. Thousands of volumes were sold, and there as here the publishers think that when the

second volume appears the sale of the first will be augmented."

THE July and August number of the *American Bibliopolist* is out, and contains the fourth installment of the "Handy Book about Books," with much antiquarian lore and literary gossip, such as an account of the origin of the names of States, etc.

THE second volume of Prof. F. L. Ritter's "History of Music" is devoted to Catholic Church music, the opera and instrumental music from Bach to Liszt, and contains a valuable classified bibliography of music. In a third volume Prof. Ritter purposes to treat of music in America.

THE genealogy of the famed John Eliot, of Roxbury, the New-England "Apostle to the Indians," published twenty years ago, is to be reprinted, with additions in both directions, much of his ancestry having been learnt in the two decades past, as well as many changes necessarily having occurred among his descendants. All relatives of the family are invited to send corrections and additions to the previous edition, especially dates of births, marriages, or deaths which have occurred in their families since 1854, to Mr. J. Munsell, of Albany, who will also receive the names of subscribers. The printing will commence when one hundred subscriptions have been made.

THE good work the *International Review* has done the past (its first) year, the editor and publishers think are its best promise for the future. They name, however, as speedy contributors, Hon. George P. Marsh, Prof. T. M. Cooley, Dr. Philip Schaff, Pres. Noah Porter, the Dean of Canterbury, and others of note, and as probable writers for it, Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Charles Francis Adams. As heretofore, it is to be neither a monthly nor quarterly, though its strictly bi-monthly character will be dropped, and each issue will appear as at the time seems most advisable.

MR. A. H. CLARK, of Peekskill, puts forward a new trade idea. He will shortly open a second-hand school-book agency, by which, for a reasonable commission, he will make exchanges for those having books to dispose of, and for those wishing books. Particulars will be found in his advertisement in another column.

WE have to exonerate one of the houses mentioned as derelict in the preface to the Uniform Trade List Annual from the imputation thus cast. Dr. S. W. Butler, of Philadelphia, died a year ago, and was succeeded by D. S. Brinton, M.D., 115 S. Seventh street, who, by an oversight of ours, was not notified to send list.

WE are indebted to Mr. C. A. Clapp, of E. P. Dutton & Co., for the best story on underselling we have yet seen. He writes: "Apropos of the discount business, I think this story is good enough to print in the WEEKLY. A lady was in to-day, and wanted to buy a book. After asking the retail price, she said, 'My husband is a minister. What discount do you allow him?' to which our clerk replied, '20 per cent.' 'What discount do you allow teachers?' '20 per cent.' 'Well, I am a teacher, and I want this book with my allowance of 20 per cent as a teacher, and his 20 per cent as a minister. I'll take it, if at 40 per cent off!' Now, it only remains for this woman's son to become a minis-

ter and her two daughters teachers; then she can have all she wants here for nothing."

THE first volume of the "History of Co-operation in England," by Mr. George Jacob Holyoake, is now ready for the press. It will be dedicated to Mr. Wendell Phillips, of America. The first volume includes the Pioneer Period, from 1812 to 1844, and also comprises the History of the Literature and Advocates of Co-operation. The second volume, which will follow later, will comprise the Constructive Period of Co-operation.

IN the October number of *The American Law Magazine*, Mr. Eaton S. Drone, of Appleton's Cyclopaedia, has given an instructive paper on "The Law of Literature and Art in England and America," maintaining the necessity of an international copyright to the best interests of culture in each country.

EVERY boy, and doubtless many of older growth, will be glad to learn that Challen, of Philadelphia, is bringing out dime editions of those charming stories, "The Arabian Nights' Entertainments."

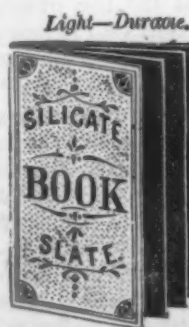
THE subject-matter portion of the "General Index of Patents," from 1790 to 1873, inclusive, which is a classified list of inventions for eighty-four years, is now in press, and will soon be ready for delivery. It will consist of about 1800 pages, the same size as the *Official Gazette*, bound in three volumes. It will be sold for \$20, which is less than the cost of publication. The edition is limited to 1000. Persons desiring to subscribe should address the Commissioner of Patents.

BALTIMORE is proud of the large tome in which all about herself is written. The volume is entitled "The Monumental City: Its Past History and Present Resources." It contains numerous wood-cuts representing the principal objects of interest in the city,—churches, monuments, parks, railroads, and business structures. The author of the letter-press, Mr. George W. Howard, has succeeded excellently in representing Baltimore at its best, and helping the business of that enterprising city.

W. J. WIDDLETON is about to publish a new edition of Poe's poems, edited by Mr. R. H. Stoddard, in which several of his earlier and now forgotten verses will be brought to light.

BUSINESS CHANGES.

WATER VALLEY, MISS.—Mr. H. C. Clarke, of Vicksburg, has opened a branch house in connection with his brother, under the firm name of H. C. Clarke & Bro., at Water Valley, Miss.



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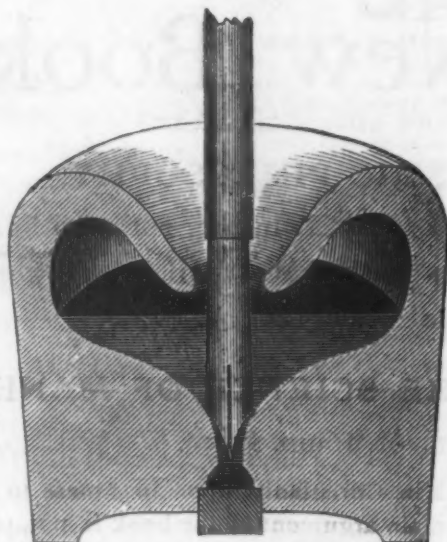
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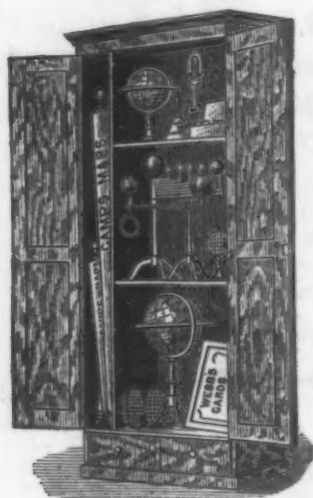
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